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Mr. Kevin Bazzell
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Dear Mr. Bazzell:

Re: Richland City Planning, Consideration in 5-year Review of Record of Decision for
300-FF-1 and 300-FF-2 Operable Units

The Richland Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 28, 2005. The Planning Commission recommended adoption of planning changes for the Hanford 300 Area. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) requests that the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) consider those changes during the 5-year Review of the Records of Decision (ROD) for the 300-FF-1 and 300-FF-2 operable units.

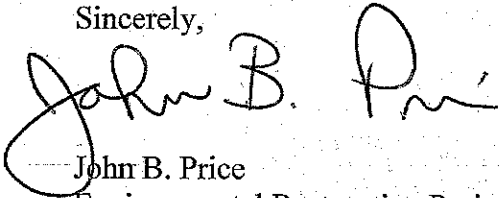
The Planning Commission voted for adoption of a proposed comprehensive plan amendment (Z2005-108[E]). Ecology understands that the recommended plan amendment must next have two readings before the City Council, and must be voted on by the City Council. Therefore, the Planning Commission vote does not immediately change the Richland Comprehensive Plan. Based on our understanding that Planning Commission recommendations are usually upheld by the City Council, Ecology considers it prudent to ask USDOE to consider those recommendations in the 5-Year ROD Review.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-340-745 is an applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement (ARAR) as defined by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. It refers to the definition of an industrial property under WAC 173-340-200. Ecology believes that if the City of Richland amends its comprehensive plan as recommended by the Planning Commission, then the 300 Area would no longer be "committed to" industrial uses, and residential uses might be permitted. Therefore, the 300 Area would no longer meet the definition of "Industrial Properties," which would affect the basis on which cleanup levels have been developed.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 372-7921.

Sincerely,



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Administrative Record: 300-FF-1; 300-FF-2; 300 APT